

Dear Greece Central Families:

We are midway through summer and, unfortunately, we still do not have fall reopening guidance from New York State. The Commissioner of Education sent **this letter** late last week directing districts to base reopening plans on the latest **Centers for Disease Control (CDC)** recommendations.

According to the CDC:

- Students should be in school five days a week.
- Students and staff should be prepared to wear masks indoors — regardless of vaccination status.
- Physical distancing of three feet should be maintained indoors whenever possible.
- For added protection, schools should layer prevention strategies including hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning protocols, respiratory etiquette and screening testing.
- Students and staff should stay home when sick.

Although not required for school attendance, the CDC also believes that vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning and extra-curricular activities. Whether or not to vaccinate is a personal choice, but we will continue to work with the Monroe County Health Department to make the vaccine readily available to those who are interested. This Thursday Greece Central's third COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be held at Arcadia Middle School for anyone 12 and older. [Register here](#) in advance for an appointment between 2 and 6 p.m. or just walk-in.

Getting every student back in school five days a week remains our priority. Health officials have said that recommendations may vary by region and depend on things like community transmission, vaccination rates, and in-school COVID-19 screenings. Monroe County superintendents have asked the Governor for flexibility and local control of reopening decisions. We hope to be afforded that discretion, but without it, please know that schools cannot simply choose to disregard New York State's forthcoming guidance.

As evidenced by today's comments from the Governor and County Executive, recommendations are being modified daily so I will reach out again when we have more definitive information. In the meantime, please read the following briefs and enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,



Kathleen Graupman
Superintendent of Schools

Important Health Requirements for the 2021-22 School Year

As we prepare for the start of the 2021-22 school year, please be aware of the following changes to school health requirements for all public school students.

- All students attending school must be fully vaccinated in compliance with Public Health Law 2164. At this time, *students are not required to get the COVID-19 vaccination*, but it is recommended for those 12 and older.
- The school nurse should have a copy of every student's current physical. (Meaning a physical completed within the last 12 months.) As of January 31, 2021, only the new **NYS School Health Examination Form** is acceptable.
- Similarly, all students wishing to recertify for a fall sport must have a current physical on file in the nurses' office.

Register Now for In-District Before and After School Child Care

Registration is now open for our KidsCare before and after school child-care program (formerly EduCare). Open to Greece Central students in grades K-5, KidsCare offers morning and afternoon sessions starting at 7 a.m. through the start of the school day and from dismissal to 6 p.m. **Please read this KidsCare flyer** for more information, including how to register.

Daycare Transportation Requests Due Aug. 9

If you haven't done so already, you have less than a week to submit a **daycare transportation request form** for the 2021-22 school year. Forms are due Monday, Aug. 9. We cannot guarantee transportation on the first day of school if forms are submitted late so please com-

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plete and submit the form today if your child will need transportation to or from an address other than your home.

Bus Passes will be Mailed the Week of Aug. 23

The Office of Student Transportation Services will mail student bus passes during the week of Aug. 23. Bus passes should arrive in mailboxes the week of August 30. If you have any questions, please call 966-2550.

Supply Lists Available Online

Please visit [the district website](#) for the most up to date list of school supply lists. Additional schools and grade levels will be added as information becomes available.

Fall Athletes: The Recertification Portal is Now Open

The [athletic recertification portal](#) is now open for the fall athletic season, which begins Monday, Aug. 23 (modified begins Aug. 30). Fall sports include Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Girls Swimming and Soccer. In order to participate, student athletes must complete the [online recertification form](#) and have a current physical (completed within the last 12 months) on file with the school nurse.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the time-sensitive nature of this information, this update has been sent in English. This document can be translated into your language of choice by clicking [here](#). Should you need further assistance translating it into your preferred language, please email your child's principal to arrange for an interpreter to contact you. Please include the best phone number at which to reach you.



Kids Heading Back to School?

Consider Starting a Fulfilling Career at Greece Central

The Greece Central School District is now hiring for full- and part-time positions in a variety of departments. If you're considering rejoining the workforce now that your children will be in school full time, working for Greece Central allows you to try a new career that aligns with your children's school schedule. If you're looking for even more flexibility, working as a substitute may be right for you.

Positions are now available in the following areas:

- Substitute Teachers
- Child Care Associates
 - Clerical
- Special Education Monitors
 - Teacher Aides
- Teaching Assistants (certification required)
 - Bus Driver
 - Bus Monitor
- Facility Operations
 - Food Service
 - KidsCare

[View job postings or apply online at the district website.](#)

We'd love to have you on our team!

